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a swivel aperture extending through said second saddle member proximate a juncture of said upper and lower portions;

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a swivel pin having first and second ends and being formed into an L-shaped configuration, said first end of said swivel pin being fixedly secured to an upper end of said support tube and said swivel pin extending through said swivel aperture in said second saddle member; and

a swivel anchor secured to said second end of said swivel pin, said swivel anchor being of a larger size than said swivel aperture in said second saddle member for securing said swivel pin within said swivel aperture, which pivotally secures said support tube to said saddle.

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Office Action dated July 16, 2002, and herein amends the Application. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Applicant has amended Claim 4 to overcome the Examiners rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Claims 4, 6, 9, 12, 15 and 19 are also herein amended to correct various typographical types of errors. Applicant respectfully submits that each of such amendments of Claims 4, 6, 9, 12, 15 and 19 which are included herein are for purposes of correcting various clerical type of errors are herein made to overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejections are not being made for reasons of distinguishing the respective claims over the prior art of record, and that such amendments do not narrow the scope of the respective pending claims.

Claim 12 was amended to include a limitation that is directed toward the saddle members being formed of leather, to distinguish *Galbraith*. Claims 14 and 15 were amended to incorporate various limitations of prior Claim 12, rather than amended Claim 12.

Applicant respectfully traverses rejection of Claims 1-20, as amended, based on the cited prior art. The Examiner has cited *Galbraith*, and included Official Notice of the equivalence of various structures. However, the Examiner has not cited prior art which either discloses the

claimed invention of Claims 1-20, as amended, nor does the cited prior art teach or suggest to combine the various structures noted in the Office Action, such that the Claimed invention set forth in Claim 1-20 would be obviated by the disclosure of *Galbraith*.

Applicant respectfully notes that the disclosure of *Galbraith* does not disclose or teach to combine the limitations set forth in Claims 1, 13 and 19, that of a portable arm support having a saddle fastened to the arm of a user, a support tube pivotally mounted to the saddle and extending into a pocket member which is also secured to the user, in spaced apart relation from the saddle, in combination with the saddle defining a steady rest which directly engages against an object being supported. The limitation of Claims 1, 13 and 19 which is directed toward the saddle defining a steady rest is neither shown nor suggested by the disclosure of *Galbraith*.

In particular, the disclosure of *Galbraith* teaches away from providing a saddle which directly engages against the object being supported by the user. *Galbraith* instead teaches that the supporting device be mounted to the upper arm of a user, as opposed to the forearm. See *Galbraith* in Column 1, at lines 21-22 and 32-33, and Column 2, lines 6-7. *Galbraith* also teaches that the supporting device disclosed therein is secured to the user such that it does not directly engage the object being supported by the user, as shown in Fig. 1. Thus, *Galbraith* teaches away from the invention set forth in Claims 1, 13 and 19, and Claims 1, 13 and 19 are allowable over the cited reference. Applicant requests allowance of Claims 1, 13 and 19.

Applicant traverses the rejection of Claim 12, as amended, as being obviated by *Galbraith*. Claim 12 was amended to set forth that the first and second saddle members are formed of leather, to distinguish *Galbraith*, which neither discloses nor teaches this limitation. Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 12 is neither disclosed nor taught by *Galbraith*. Applicant requests allowance of Claim 12.

Applicant traverses the rejection of Claim 14, as amended over *Galbraith*. Claim 14 was amended to incorporate various limitations of prior Claim 12. Applicant submits that the limitations of Claim 14 are neither shown nor disclosed by *Galbraith*. *Galbraith* does not show or teach a generally U-shaped retaining clip for releasibly securing the support tube to the saddle,

as set forth in pending Claim 14. Applicant requests allowance of Claim 14 over the cited *Galbraith* reference.

Applicant traverses the rejection of Claim 15, as amended over *Galbraith*. Claim 15 was amended to incorporate various limitations of prior Claim 12. Applicant submits that the limitations of Claim 15 are neither shown nor disclosed by *Galbraith*. *Galbraith* does not show or teach providing a first saddle member being of an I-shaped configuration and a second saddle member being of a T-shaped configuration, as set forth in pending Claim 15. Applicant requests allowance of Claim 15 over the cited *Galbraith* reference.

Applicant traverses the rejection of Claims 2-11, 13, 16-18 and 20 based on the cited prior art and Official Notice taken by the Examiner. Since Claims 2-11 depend from Independent Claim 1, Claim 13 depends from Independent Claim 12, and Claims 16-18 depend from Independent Claim 15, and Claim 20 depends from Independent Claim 19, and fully incorporate the limitations from the respective ones of Claims 1, 12, 15 and 19 from which they depend, Claims 2-11, 13, 16-18 and 20 are allowable over the cited prior art for the reasons set forth herein above for the above-noted independent claims. Applicant requests allowance of Claims 2-11, 12, 16-19 and 20.

Applicant further respectfully traverses the various reasoning for rejection and the Official Notice set forth in above-noted the Office Action. However, arguments traversing of such reasoning for rejection and Official Notice are rendered moot in light of Claims 1-20 being allowable for the reasons set forth herein above, and Applicant does not herein waive traversal of such. In particular, Applicant respectfully submits that the limitations set forth in various ones of Claims 1-20, where providing differing structure than that particularly disclosed or taught by *Galbraith*, are not rendered obvious over the structure shown in *Galbraith* for the various reasons set forth by the Examiner in the Paragraphs 3 through 14 of the above-noted Office Action.


Applicant has now made an earnest attempt in order to place this case in condition for allowance. For the reasons stated above, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of the claims as amended.

Applicant requests a *TELEPHONE INTERVIEW* with the Examiner to discuss the various disclosures of the cited prior art in relation to the limitations set forth in pending Claims 1-20, as amended, provided the Examiner does not find the Application in condition for allowance. Applicant's attorney requests that the Examiner call the below-listed number to arrange a time for the Interview.

Enclosed is our firm Check No. 1206 in the amount of \$84.00 for payment of two additional independent claims. The U.S. Patent & Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees due or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 502112/CWMM-25,915US for the firm CHAUZA & HANDLEY, L.L.P.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

4. (Amended) The portable support according to Claim 1, further comprising at least one latch means for selectively securing said support [tub] tube in a selected overall length.

6. (Amended) The portable support according to Claim 1, further comprising:

5 said saddle having first and second saddle members, with said second saddle member being smaller than said first saddle member and being fixedly secured to said first saddle member[, and said second saddle member having an swivel aperture disposed therein]; and

 said second saddle member having an aperture into which an upper end of said support tube rotatably secured by a swivel pin.

9. (Amended) The portable support according to Claim 6, further comprising:

5 said first saddle member being of a larger size than said second saddle member and being of an I-shaped configuration, having a central, elongate middle portion end two end portions that are disposed such that longitudinal lengths of said two end portions are disposed in perpendicular relation to a longitudinal length of said middle portion and in parallel;

10 said second saddle member being of a T-shaped configuration, which comprises an upper portion and a lower portion, a first longitudinal length of said lower portion being [is] disposed in perpendicular relation to a second longitudinal length of said upper portion; and

 a swivel aperture extending through said second saddle member proximate a juncture of said upper and lower portions.

12. (Amended) A portable support for attaching to a user, comprising in

combination:

5 a saddle having first and second saddle members formed of leather,
with said second saddle member being smaller than said first saddle member and
being fixedly secured to said first saddle member;

fastening straps secured to and extending on opposite sides of said
saddle, a first end of said straps having buckles and a second end of said straps
having apertures for securing said buckles to said second end of said straps to secure
said saddle to the forearm of a user;

10 a belt pocket defining an upwardly facing cavity and having a belt
fastener strap mounted to one side of said belt pocket;

a support tube pivotally secured to said saddle and telescopically
extensible for adjusting an overall length of said support tube to extend from said
saddle and into [seat] said belt pocket; and

15 wherein said support tube is telescopically adjustable to extend and
then latch in an extended position with a lower end of said support tube disposed
within said cavity of said belt pocket to support said saddle in fixed relation to said
belt pocket.

14. (Amended) [The portable support according to Claim 12, further
comprising:]

5 A portable support for attaching to a user, comprising in combination:
a saddle having first and second saddle members, with said second
saddle member being smaller than said first saddle member and being fixedly
secured to said first saddle member;

fastening straps secured to and extending on opposite sides of said
saddle for securing said saddle to an arm of a user;

10 a belt pocket defining an upwardly facing cavity and having a belt
fastener mounted to one side of said belt pocket;

a support tube pivotally secured to said saddle and telescopically
extensible for adjusting an overall length of said support tube to extend from said
saddle and into said belt pocket;

15 wherein said support tube is telescopically adjustable to extend and
then latch in an extended position with a lower end of said support tube disposed
within said cavity of said belt pocket to support said saddle in fixed relation to said
belt pocket; and

20 a generally U-shaped, flexible, metal retaining clip fixedly secured to
said first saddle member for receiving said support tube, said retaining clip being of a
size for releasibly securing said support tube to said first saddle member when said
support tube is disposed within said retaining clip.

15. (Amended) [The portable support according to Claim 12, further
comprising:]

5 A portable support for attaching to a user, comprising in combination:
a saddle having first and second saddle members, with said second
saddle member being smaller than said first saddle member and being fixedly
secured to said first saddle member;

fastening straps secured to and extending on opposite sides of said
saddle for securing said saddle to an arm of a user;

10 a belt pocket defining an upwardly facing cavity and having a belt
fastener mounted to one side of said belt pocket;

a support tube pivotally secured to said saddle and telescopically
extensible for adjusting an overall length of said support tube to extend from said
saddle and into said belt pocket;

15 wherein said support tube is telescopically adjustable to extend and
then latch in an extended position with a lower end of said support tube disposed
within said cavity of said belt pocket to support said saddle in fixed relation to said
belt pocket;

20 said first saddle member being of a larger size than said second saddle
member and being of an I-shaped configuration, having a central, elongate middle
portion and two end portions that are disposed such that longitudinal lengths of said
two end portions are disposed in perpendicular relation to a longitudinal length of
said middle portion and in parallel;

said second saddle member being of a T-shaped configuration, which comprises an upper portion and a lower portion, a first longitudinal length of said lower portion being [is] disposed in perpendicular relation to a second longitudinal length of said upper portion; and

a swivel aperture extending through said second saddle member proximate a juncture of said upper and lower portions.

19. (Amended) A portable support for attaching to a user, comprising in combination:

a saddle having first and second saddle members, with said second saddle member being smaller than said first saddle member and being fixedly secured to said first saddle member;

fastening straps secured to and extending on opposite sides of said saddle, a first end of said straps having buckles and a second end of said straps having apertures for securing said buckles to said second end of said straps to secure said saddle to the forearm of a user;

a belt pocket defining an upwardly facing cavity and having a belt fastener strap mounted to one side of said belt pocket;

a support tube pivotally secured to said saddle and telescopically extensible for adjusting an overall length of said support tube to extend from said saddle and into said belt pocket;

wherein said support tube is telescopically adjustable to extend and then latch in an extended position with said lower end of said support tube disposed within said cavity of said belt pocket to support said saddle in fixed relation to said belt pocket;

wherein a portion of said first and second saddle member defines a steady rest directly engaging against an object being supported in the hand of a user, to provide further support for the object.

a generally U-shaped, flexible, metal retaining clip fixedly secured to said first saddle member for receiving said support tube, said retaining clip being of a size for releasibly securing said support tube to said first saddle member when said

25 support tube is disposed within said retaining clip;

said first saddle member being of a larger size than said second saddle member and being of an I-shaped configuration, having a central, elongate middle portion and two end portions that are disposed such that longitudinal lengths of said two end portions are disposed in perpendicular relation to a longitudinal length of said middle portion and in parallel;

said second saddle member being of a T-shaped configuration, which comprises an upper portion and a lower portion, a first longitudinal length of said lower portion being [is] disposed in perpendicular relation to a second longitudinal length of said upper portion;

35 a swivel aperture extending through said second saddle member proximate a juncture of said upper and lower portions;

a swivel pin having first and second ends and being formed into an L-shaped configuration, said first end of said swivel pin being fixedly secured to an upper end of said support tube and said swivel pin extending through said swivel aperture in said second saddle member; and

40 a swivel anchor secured to said second end of said swivel pin, said swivel anchor being of a larger size than said swivel aperture in said second saddle member for securing said swivel pin within said swivel aperture, which pivotally secures said support tube to said saddle.